

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Harvesting/Irrigating/Spraying/Applying Insecticides*

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RELEASED: September 11, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were normal with below normal rainfall. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 78 percent very short, 17 percent short, and 5 percent adequate.

CROPS: Corn, rice, and sorghum harvest continued as soybean and cotton harvest began. Defoliation continued in dryland cotton fields. Farmers continued irrigating soybean fields and draining rice fields. Armyworm treatment continued in soybean fields and some pastures. Dryland crops were still showing stress, with conditions declining rapidly. However, some farmers were preparing to seed cool season crops such as wheat, rye, ryegrass, and clover. Other activities included cutting and baling hay, and harvesting apples.

LIVESTOCK: Cooler temperatures gave some relief to livestock and poultry. Livestock were in fair condition. Supplemental feeding of hay continued in several counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Turning Color	98	97	100	96					
Mature	95	90	88	71					
Harvested	76	59	49	41					
COTTON					2	17	28	44	9
Opening Bolls	71	59	67	58					
Harvest	6	na	1	1					
SOYBEANS					20	21	30	24	5
Bloomed	99	98	100	99					
Setting Pods	95	92	96	95					
Shedding	20	13	13	11					
Mature	5	na	na	na					
Harvest	3	na	na	na					
RICE					1	5	22	51	21
Headed	99	97	100	100					
Ripe	69	42	na	na					
Harvest	23	8	32	22					
CORN									
Mature	99	98	na	na					
Harvest	88	74	80	70					
ALFALFA					12	21	53	14	0
OTH. HAY					26	35	30	8	1
PASTURE					38	40	18	4	0

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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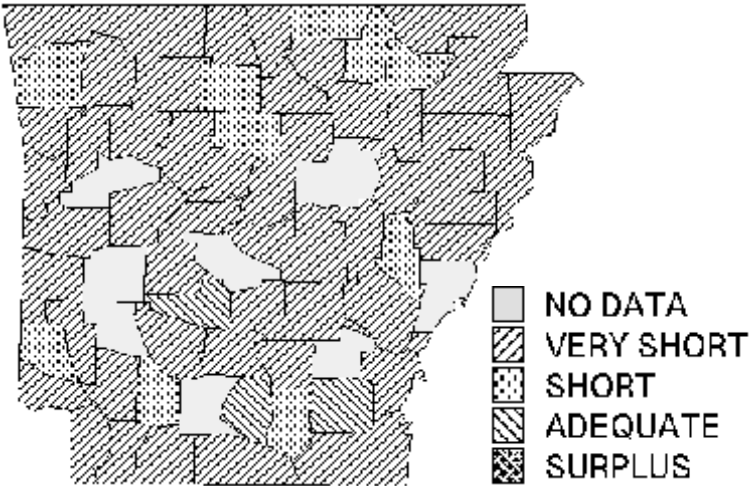
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 10, 2000. The excessively hot temperatures were ended by a dry frontal passage early in the period. Average temperatures were close to normal but the drought continues. The high temperature of 109^o was reported at El Dorado. The low of 53^o was reported at Gilbert. Pine Bluff recorded the most precipitation at .76 inch.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING September 10, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING SEP 10	CURRENT SEPT. ACCUM.	SEPT. NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	99	55	4	0.00	0.00	4.09	26.97	28.88
Harrison	99	58	5	0.00	0.00	3.90	24.05	29.51
2 Calico Rock	101	55	2	0.00	0.00	3.93	26.51	29.13
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.10	0.00	30.47
Gilbert	104	53	5	0.07	0.07	3.62	23.88	28.42
Greers Ferry	102	62	3	0.04	0.04	4.47	25.30	33.50
Mountain Home	96	57	1	0.14	0.14	3.68	25.03	28.47
3 Batesville	101	61	0	0.06	0.06	4.37	20.86	31.55
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.23	0.00	31.13
Georgetown				na	0.00	3.95	0.00	34.05
Jonesboro	100	64	1	0.02	0.02	3.69	24.00	32.63
Keiser	98	63	2	0.14	0.14	3.83	26.89	34.21
Newport	100	61	3	0.00	0.00	4.12	20.84	34.26
4 Booneville				na	0.00	na	20.32	na
Clarksville	104	64	4	0.30	0.30	3.90	22.19	30.04
Dardanelle	105	67	5	0.05	0.05	3.67	20.48	31.28
Ft. Smith	106	63	6	0.00	0.00	3.24	17.82	26.96
Mena	103	61	3	0.06	0.06	4.74	26.87	35.02
Ozark	105	63	3	0.22	0.22	4.12	23.62	28.76
5 Hot Springs	107	64	2	0.65	0.65	4.37	29.46	38.38
N Little Rock	103	63	3	0.12	0.12	4.08	24.16	31.70
6 Augusta				na	0.00	4.21	0.00	33.46
Marianna	100	64	1	0.12	0.12	4.02	22.68	34.71
Stuttgart	102	63	1	0.21	0.21	4.06	25.54	32.99
7 Hope	105	63	2	0.17	0.17	4.28	25.58	35.13
8 Camden	105	63	1	0.30	0.30	4.50	28.69	33.88
El Dorado	109	65	4	0.23	0.23	3.64	29.23	34.32
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	3.51	0.00	36.26
Eudora	105	67	2	0.32	0.32	3.42	35.44	36.84
Pine Bluff	100	64	0	0.76	0.76	3.79	24.00	34.47
Rohwer	101	64	2	0.34	0.34	3.71	32.45	35.92

na = data not available

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